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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 16, 17, 20, 21 & 24

Part B for November 18

SUBJECT.

Requests that the maximum price for the sale of ragi in the Kolar D.C. may be fixed as follows:— Wholesale 14 Rs per Kandaya of 180 Srs, retail 12 seers per rupee.

24) To,
The D.C. Kolar
No. G 8233 Dt 9-11-18

States that a note to the above is necessary and as re municipal depots he may take action and submits definite recommendations through the Dr of C.S.

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K. Ranjappa Rao
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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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File No. 102

FILE HEADING.

The maximum prices of foodgrains

The purchase of rice supplies in Mysore

No. 2 Dated 28/29 . 10 . 18 Received 30 . 10 . 18

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Reports that the maximum price for the sale of Ragi may be fixed as follows. Wholesale - Rs 14 per Kandaya of 180 Seers — 12 seers per rupee.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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30/10/18

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Chief Secy)

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30.10.18

The Member

Lrpt approved

30.10.18

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Serial No.	
17	To the Compiler Kerala Gazette no G 7945 d. 31. 10 1918 fixes the maximum prices for the sale of rice in the Kolar Distt.
	no G 7946-50 d. 31. 10. 18 copies to the Dy of Civil Supplies Rev Comr Dy Comr. Kolar Dt. Dy of Police & the Secy. Rev Dept
20	From the Dy Comr. Kolar Dt no. Ref H-C. 274 d. 29. 10. 18 forwards copies of letters addressed to the Director of Civil Supplies re fixing maximum prices for sale of rice in the Kolar Dt. The necessary notification fixing maximum prices for the sale of rice in Kolar Dt. have since been issued. Regarding the general order for opening municipal depots for selling food grains to the poor at concession rates it is stated that the Dy Comr may arrange to open such depots wherever necessary & apply to Govt for any help required in the matter

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Serial No.	
	A draft reply is put up. Seg 4/11/18 Draft reply Chief Secy 4/11
21	From the Dir of Civil Supplies No 3980 of 1.11.1918. Forwards for info a copy of his letter to the Govt Worker regarding the export of rice from Godavari. Subd. A draft reply to the Govt Worker has already been put up. Seg 5/11/18 Chief Secy 5/11/18 For approval Extra mem[ber]
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Serial No.. 24

To

The Dy Commissioner
Kolar Dst

No. S. 8233 of 9.11.18

States that the necessary notification fixing the maximum prices for the sale of Ragi and as regards opening of Municipal Depots, states that he may take action and submit definite recommendations through the Director of Civil Supplies

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT
II
POLITICAL BRANCH.
30 OCT. 1918

From

Office of the Director of Civil Supplies
and Controller of Prices in Mysore,
Kitchetty Chathram Road,

Bangalore City, 28th October 1918

DIARY NO. 6980

C. Ranganatha Rao Sahib, Esq., B. A., B. L.,
Director of Civil Supplies and Controller of Prices.

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire, B.S.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His
Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

S i r,

I have the honour to state that the Deputy Commissioner Kolar District, desires that the maximum price for ragi should be fixed in the Kolar District as follows:--

Wholesale.. Rs.14 per Kandaga of 180 seers.
Retail .: 12 seers a rupee.

I beg to submit that Government may be moved to iss a Notification to this effect at an early date.

I have the honour to be,
S i r,
Your mostobedient servant,

C Ranganatha Rao Sahib

SSR. DIRECTOR OF CIVIL SUPPLIES.

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Notification

In exercise of the powers vested in Govt under Sub-rule (2) (b) of Rule 3B of the Rules issued under the Defence of India (Criminal Law Amendment) Act, 1915, as introduced into Mysore by Regn I of 1918, Govt are pleased to fix the following maximum prices for the sale of ragi in Kolar District

Wholesale - Rs 14 per candy of 180 seers

Retail — 12 seers per rupee.

By order,

Chief Secy.

Rees 30.10.18

To the Compiler Mysore Gazette for publication

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From

The Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
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To

The Chief Secretary,
Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated 29th October 1918

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General No. Ref Hc 274
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Enclosure No. Four only.

Forwarding Copies of letters addressed to the Director of Civil Supplies re fixing the maximum price of Ragi. etc

Deputy Commissioner's Office,

No. Kolar District,

Dated Kolar, the 28th October 1918

From

B. Venkoba Rao,Esq.,B.A.,

Offg. Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

DIARY NO. 7058

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To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer,Esq.,B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of

Mysore, B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith, for your information, copies of letters addressed to the Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore,Bangalore, requesting him to get fixed the maximum price of Ragi for wholesale purchases at Rs. 14 per candy of 180 seers, and for retail purchases at 12 seers per rupee,and to request that necessary Notifications may kindly be caused to be published immediately. The situation is rapidly getting from bad to worse and it may soon be impossible even to maintain the peace if the action proposed is not taken immediately. The people are anxiously expecting some action. Ragi is likely to sell at 9 seers per rupee in the near future and at 8 seers per rupee a few days later,unless the situation is controlled.

2.It will be very helpful if a General Order from Government is issued to the effect that Municipalities may open Municipal Depots to sell Ragi and Rice to the poor at reasonable rates,bearing the loss,if any, caused by selling at rates cheaper than the cost price. The Municipalities will raise subscriptions for this purpose wherever possible, and the Government may at present contribute as much as the Municipalities and the Public spend for the purpose and in course of time, the Government will even have to come forward with more help.

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3. With regard to Ragi, we may be able to meet the situation by the issue of the Notifications that I suggested. But with regard to Rice, it is already selling at about $3\frac{3}{4}$ seers per rupee and it is expected that in a very few days there will be no stock of rice at all to sell. It is absolutely essential that stock sufficient to last for some time, say, at least, until the time of the next Harvest, which by-the-by is not promising, should be imported and made available in the different markets. Merchants are being encouraged to apply for waggons and import as much rice as possible, but it is very doubtful whether private enterprise will alone be able to meet the situation. I rather think that it would be necessary to make an estimate of our requirements of rice, and get the stock through the Director of Civil Supplies in Madras, either directly by Government agency or by making advances to reliable merchants. If the rice is purchased through Merchants, they should be bound to sell it in retail and not make profits by wholesale dealings. They should also be bound to furnish true returns of the quantity obtained, sold and kept by them

4. Just as I am concluding this letter, I have received a letter from the Sub Division Officer, Chickballapur, (copy enclosed from which you will see how serious the situation is and I would earnestly request that immediate orders may be passed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

B. Venkata Rao

Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

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Letter No.C.356 dated 24th October 1918 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, to the Director of Civil Supplies and Controller of Prices in Mysore, Bangalore.

I have the honour to acknowledge, with thanks, your letter No.3540 dated 17th October 1918. I am glad that you have ~~sanctioned~~ cancelled the Priority Certificates issued for the export of Ragi from this District. I am writing to the Amildars of Srinivaspur, Kolar and Bowringpet, that the Priority Certificates have been cancelled. I do not know whether the Ragi has been already allowed to go.

2. The sentence that you quote from paragraph 2 of my letter of the 13th October 1918 contains an error of expression and what was meant was that the Ragi sells at ½a seer less per rupee every ~~day~~ time ther is export from Kolar. This is a fact that has been ascertained by obse/rvation and is probably the resultant of the law of supply and demand and the psychological effect of the export on the merchants.

3. I quite realise that you have to find supplies for deficiency of stock in any part of the State, and you may be sure that the objections that I raised are wholly in the spirit of co-operating with you and not for purposes of putting in obstacles in the way. What I foresaw in my letter of the 13th October 1918 as to the probable deficiency of stock of Ragi in the markets of the Kolar Gold Field has already come to pass and I am very thankful that, in the concluding sentence of your letter, you indicate your willingness to have a Notification issued in the Gazette fixing the maximum price for Ragi . I do not know how your experiments with ~~regard~~ regard to the maximum price have worked in practice in Bangalore and Mysore. But so far as I can see at present, the situation in this District is as follows:-

We want to sell Ragi at 12 seers per rupee(or 15 Rs. per candy of 180 seers) and stocks will have to be brought from villages in the neighbourhood/ from a distance of about 15 miles from the market.

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One cart is expected to carry 2 candies of Ragi, i.e., 360 seers, and the cartage for about 15 or 16 miles at 2 annas per mile is about Rs.two. For one candy of Ragi, the cartage is therefore about a rupee, and the price at the market should be 15 rupees per candy, i.e. 12 seers per rupee. The price in the villages should be therefore Rs.14/- per candy. I would, therefore, suggest, that the maximum price, at which stocks of Ragi may be taken over by Government may be fixed for this District at 14 Rupees per candy of 180 seers. I would request that you will kindly have a Notification published to this effect in the Gazette at an early date. Should any modification in the Notification be necessary in the light of further experience later on, I hope there would be no difficulty again in having the Notification suitably revised.

4. I enclose herein extracts of certain letters which will give you an idea of the situation in the District.

5. The war, the failure of the Monsoon and the difficulties and restrictions of transport have created conditions so novel and unprecedented that it is very difficult to foretell all the consequences of a proposed measure and it is necessary that we should keep one another fully informed so that the rapidly developing situation may be properly grappled with. It is for this full, free and frank exchange of ideas and information, that I earnestly request you to consult me wherever possible and inform me immediately of any Priority Certificates that you may issue. You may be sure that I would raise no unnecessary objections and I am confident you yourself would like to know what is to be said on the other side in order that measures adopted by you may not have any unforeseen and untoward consequences.

6. I was at Goribidnur on the 20th instant and heard that you have been issuing Priority Certificates for the export of rice to Bangalore. I have no information as to what certificates you are issuing and it is difficult to get information from the Station -

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Masters as they are said to decline to furnish information without authority. Kindly make arrangements to keep me informed of the certificates that you issue. The Station Masters may also be kindly instructed to intimate to me exports and imports by weekly or daily returns. This, I understand, is done in British India.

7. What appears to be happening is that the Military in Bangalore who seem to be much larger in numbers now than formerly are diverting for their own use a great part of the rice that would be normally available for the civil population of this part of the Mysore State. The inconvenience to the civil population is very much enhanced by the fact that the Military seem to be prepared to pay any price for rice required for rations.

8. I am sending you a copy of a letter from the Amildar of Chintamani complaining bitterly of the rise in price of rice. As I wrote to you already in my letter No.C.248 dated 6th October 1918, kindly arrange for the normal import of rice from British India.

9. If the Military in Bangalore are really taking away the rice that would be available for the civil population of the Mysore State, I think, you may urge that the Military should be supplied with rice from Burma or elsewhere and that they should not close the principal sources of supply of rice available to our people.

10. If you will kindly have a Notification published soon about the maximum price of Ragi at 14 Rupees per candy, it will, I hope, be possible to distribute Ragi evenly at not less than 12 seers per rupee and thereby relieve the ragi situation that is fast becoming acute. As regards rice, we have not got sufficient stocks and the prices show an alarming tendency to rise, and your help is urgently needed to arrange (i) for the normal import of rice from British India into Chintamani, Mulbagal, Goribidnur and other border taluks of this District, on cart tracks and roads, (ii) for extra imports of rice from British India for the civil population and (iii) for the

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supply of rice required for the Military at Bangalore being obtained from sources other than those on which the people of this part of the Mysore State have long been accustomed to rely.

11. I am enclosing a copy of an application from Mr. Muni-narayana chetty of Kolar to import rice from British India. Necessary help may kindly be given to him.

Sd. B. Venkoba Rao,
Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

"Copy"

B. Venkoba Rao

Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

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Letter No.C.405 dated 27th October 1918 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, to the Director of Civil Supplies and Controller of Prices in Mysore, Bangalore.

In continuation of this office No.C.356 dated 24th October 1918, I have the honour to state that a Notification fixing the maximum price of Ragi is immediately required as the market is rapidly becoming worse. Ragi was sold at 9 seers per rupee in Steven's Camp shandy yesterday and it is expected that unless immediate measures are adopted, it will even go down to 8 seers.

2. I see from the last issue of the Mysore Gazette that 12 seers per rupee is the maximum price fixed in the Tumkur District for sale of Ragi in retail. This is a good measure but by itself it will lead to the Ragi not being offered at all for sale in the markets, unless there is a complimentary measure to make Ragi available wholesale at Rs.14 per candy, in order that the Government may step in and take stocks from villages at the wholesale rate and make them available in the markets at the retail rate of 12 seers per rupee.

3. I have ~~wired~~ wired to you to-day as follows:--"Please fix for Ragi 12 seers per rupee retail and 14 rupees per candy wholesale immediately. Immediate action is requested". Kindly see that the Notification is put in immediately in the next Gazette. A copy of the Notification to be published in the next Gazette may kindly be caused to be sent to me, for taking necessary action at once.

"Copy"

B Venkatakrishna Rao

Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

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Letter No.C.404 dated 25th October 1918 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, to the Director of Civil Supplies and Controller of Prices in Mysore, Bangalore.

In continuation of my letter No.C.356 dated 24th October 1918, recommending the fixing of the maximum price of Ragi at Rs.14 per candy, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of Resolution No.2 passed at the special meeting of the Municipal Council, Chickballapur on 18th October 1918, offering to set apart a sum of Rs.2000/- for the purchase of Ragi in order to sell it to the poor at concession rates, and asking for a Grant-in-aid of Rs.2000/- from Government for this purpose. I request that you will kindly recommend the grant of grant-in-aid from Government. After the Notification fixing the maximum price of Ragi is published, we may, with this money, help to move stocks of Ragi from villages and bring them to Chickballapur and arrange for sale.

2. I also enclose herein, for your information, a copy of Resolution No.5 passed at a meeting of merchants of Kolar held on 22nd October 1918. Of course I do not recommend the fixing of maximum price for paddy and rice, as we have not got sufficient stocks of them in our country. But I should like to have your views as to whether in Municipal Depots we should start with a concession rate of 5 seers per rupee or six seers per rupee for rice. The President of the Kolar Municipality proposes five seers (Vide extract from his note dated 23-10-18 herein enclosed) and the President of the Bowringpet Municipality proposes six seers. As the loss to be borne by fixing the concession price pretty low may have ultimately to be borne by the Municipality and Government, the matter is rather important.

"Copy"

Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

16)

Letter dated 27th October 1918 from the Sub Division Officer, Chickballapur, to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

As I was leaving Chickballapur yesterday, complaints reached me that rice had become scarce in the bazzar, and that a palla was selling at 27 rupees. It is also informed that consignment which was intended for Chickballapur was detained and sold at Manchenehalli by the Amildar of Goribidnur. At Manchenehalli I learnt that there is no Ragi available and this consignment of rice relieved the poor to some extent. At Goribidnur the same state of affairs exists. At the Railway station, I learnt that 2 or three waggons are exported to the British Territory under the licenses of Comtroller. Instead of receiving any supplies from Hindupur we are sending away our own resources to the prejudice of our people. I have reasons to believe that if this export of rice be stopped the situation may improve at Chickballapur, Goribidnur and Sidlaghatta. I therefore request that you will move the Controller to put a stop to the exporting of rice on the Goribidnur lines.

"Extracts

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B Sivakotiva Rao

Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

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Office of the Director of Civil Supplies
and Controller of Prices in Mysore,
Kitchetty Chathram Road,

Bangalore City, 1st November 1918

DIARY NO. 7098

Worse 3.11.18

From

C. Ranganatha Rao Sahib, Esq., B. A., B. L.,
Director of Civil Supplies and Controller of Price

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
POLITICAL BRANCH
NOV. 1918

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His
Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

With reference to letter dated the 28th October 1918 from the Deputy Commissioner of Kolar District, acopy of which has been sent to me. I beg to submit for the information of Government copy of my letter to him. I have ventured to forward this letter in order that Government might be informed that no exports of rice from Mysore have ever been certificated by me.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

C Ranganatha Rao Sahib

SSR. DIRECTOR OF CIVIL SUPPLIES.

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No.

ENCL. 3981/I-11-18

Office of the Director of Civil Supplies
and Controller of Prices in Mysore,
Kitchetty Chathram Road,

Bangalore City, 1st November 1918.

From

C. Ranganatha Rao Sahib, Esq., B. A., B. L.,
Director of Civil Supplies and Controller of Prices.

To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District,
K o l a r.

S i r,

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of the 29th October requesting me to cancel certificates for the export of rice from Goribidanur to Hindupur. I trust that you have already received my reply informing you that no such certificates have been issued by me. I am surprised that the Sub Division Officer should have reported to you that exports from Goribidanur were certificated by me without proper inquiries. I shall be obliged if you will instruct your Officers to be more careful in regard to their reports about exports for it is such reports that are likel to cause a scare. In regard to the remarks made in paragraph 4 of your letter you quote the proceedings of a meeting on the 1st July. The situation has ~~gradually~~ materially changed since then and no export of food grains is permitted outside the State except under certificates issued by me and I may tell you that I have not been issuing any certificates at all excepting for such exports as Government have undertaken to forward. In regard to your letter to Government a copy of which you have been good enough to send me you will observe that a notification has already been issued fixing maximum prices for ragi in your District. You will also be interes-

ted to know that I have obtained the orders of Government for the immediate purchase of about 2 lacs of rupees worth of rice from Rangoon

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

C Ranganatha Rao Sahib

SSR. DIRECTOR OF CIVIL SUPPLIES.

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SUBJECT.....

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File No. 102-18

Serial No. 24

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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No. G 8235

Date of issue 9.11.18

To

The Dy Com^r

Kolar Dt

Signed by M^r. G.S Jyr

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. Ref. H.C. 274 & the 4th Oct 1918 forwarding copies of letters addressed by you to the Director of Civil Supplies in the matter of fixing maximum prices for the Sale of ragi in Kolar Dt, I am directed to state that

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the necessary notification fixing the maximum prices for the sale of rice has since been issued (vide Notn no G 7965 dt 31st Oct 1918).

2. As regards opening municipal depots for sale of foodgrains to the poor at concession rates, I am to state that you may take steps to open such depots in consultation with the Municipal Councils concerned and submit definite recommendations through the Dir of Civil Supplies as to the facilities required from Govt.

List of enclosures.

Yours etc

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Chief Secy

8.11.18

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Chief Secy